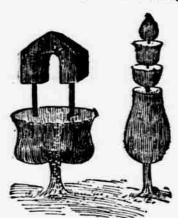
THE FARM DOOR-YARD.

To Make It Attractive and a Thing of Beauty Is a Pleasure as Well as a Duty.

I am a great lover of shrubs and flowers, of which I have plenty. I always manage to have flowers from spring until late fall. I have spent a good many dollars for them, but will never regret the money paid for them. Anyone can have shrubs in his yard if he has a mind to. I set out two trees of the black locust which I grafted to the pink flowering locust. One is four years old, the other is six. They are worth five dollars apiece, but cost me nothing but the labor of setting and grafting I also have six evergreens trimmed in different fanciful shapes, two of which are shown in cut, the one at the right



EVERGREENS ARTIFICIALLY PRUNED.

being a juniper and the other an arbor fanciful shapes. It took me quite awhile to get them in such shapes, but for ten years now I have pruned them only once a year. That is, it takes one day to prune them and leaves 364 to enjoy their beauty. A good photograph of the lawn would show the six thus pruned among other trees in their natural state, giving a pleasing variety. It may not be according to the rules of the landscape gardeners, but I like them and I notice when people drive by my place they stop and admire them. Almost everybody admires them.

Some say it must take lots of work, but I tell them no; I take care of them when I get tired of my farm work, and I get rested at it because it is a pleasure for me to work among them. My belief is that it is better to have flowers and fine shrubs in a yard than to have | The abbess proved to be a woman enlots of weeds and unsightly forest trees. I set out 13 sour cherry trees She was practical, and her personal along the roadside in front of my house some 20 years ago. My neighbors asked me why I did not put maples there instead. I said the cherry would be more beautiful. They laughed at me, and said I would never get any benefit from them. But I am the one 20 bushels of nice fruit off from them | frame, the sides clapboarded and the every year now for nine years. I think whole surmounted with a red cupola, some kind for shade than to have some smoke of the forge drifted. Within ghastly looking forest trees. I have a tree or two in every lot on my farm, but it is a chestnut or walnut or hickory, and when fall comes my children have the pleasure to gather the nuts. We gathered one and one-half bushels of fall, and we think the chestnut tree is as beautiful for shade as any other tree.-Letter in Ohio Farmer.

DOES SPRAYING PAY?

There Is But One Answer to This Question and That Is a Strongly Affirmative One.

Reports of success and non-success with spraying are common. The reports of success, however, far outnumber the reports of non-success. But they do not by any means convince the ones that claim to have tried spraying and found it not successful. The non-success of spraying is dependent on a good many things. It is like failure with some medicines or all medicines in diseases. A medicine may be excellent for use in the treatment of a certain kind of disease, and yet it will fail in numerous cases. Does it therefore follow that the medicine must be abandoned? The same is true with spraying. Everything depends on the conditions. The man that has a few trees that he sprays situated within short distance of numerous other trees that are not sprayed will have hard work to score a success. The codling moth at least may visit him even if he gets rid of the apple scab fungus. And here comes in a new phase. A man may stop the apple scab fungus from spreading in his orchard and a lady passenger to do a favor-indeed, never know it. He may later receive a visitation of codling moth from his and complained. neighbor's orchard and therefore declare spraying a failure. It is safe to spray .- Farmers' Review.

Honest Packing of Fruit.

A fruit and vegetable growers' association has been formed in Delaware. It starts out with the intention of having fruit put on the market in a condition that will make the people trust it on appearance. On each package of fruit will be the legend: "The contents of this package are guaranteed to be as good all through as on top." If this is carried out it will force reforms by other growers, and the trade in fruit will be stimulated. Dishonest packing is to-day largely responsible for the small sales of fruit in certain great markets compared with what they might be .- Farmers' Re-

view.

FEMININE BLACKSMITHS.

South African Convent Where the Sisters of St. Dominic Have Learned to Shoe Horses.

The sisters of St. Dominic, near King William's Town, Cape Colony, South Africa, have established a blacksmith's shop and have adopted the role of the new woman in a brand-new character. The sisters of St. Dominic eager to sow the seeds of religion in Africa, turned their backs on the timehonored convents of Europe and established a settlement in Cape Colony, where they purchased an extensive farm. Finding that farm laborers were scarce in a land where most of the digging was for gold and diamonds, a far more profitable use of the spade than digging for potatoes, the nuns quietly put their hands to the plow. But accidents will happen even in a convent, and in time the plowshare was broken.

There being no blacksmiths in that region, the nuns sent to Capt Town and got the materials to build and the tools and implements to supply a smithy. A blacksmith as a tutor was secured, and now the nuns have learned how to do their own smith work. They have thus far proved not only their equality with man, but their superiority to him, for when the blacksmith, disregarding his religious environments and the respect due to the noble women who hired him, went on a prolonged spree, they bounced him out of the settlement.

In the new country where the nuns have set up their habitation the Boer neighbors regard their work with suspicion and resentment, the English stand and wonder and the natives look on with awe and reverence. The visitor who rides to the convent from King William's Town comes upon the nuns, brown clad and busy hoeing, plowing, pruning and grafting, or perhaps driving strong-limbed oxen to the weer. At close range the most striking effect in the appearance of a sister of St. Dominic as seen in South Africa is her rosy, tanned face, so different from the vitae. The others are trimmed in other bloodless, white complexion of the nun under ordinary conditions. This natural bronze is well earned. Day after day, week after week, month after month, the nuns toil at the forge and in the field, exposed to the rays of the African sun and the fierce heat of the

forge. The feminine blacksmiths of the Dominican convent are experts. The precision of the hammer-swinging nuns seems to exercise a sort of fascination over the rest of the sisterhood, for they will go out of their way on their daily tasks to gaze at their hard-working sis-

ters of the smithy. A recent visitor to the sisters of St. Dominic, who had the good fortune to possess a letter of introduction from a bishop to the mother superior, entered the occasion in detail in his diary. dowed with uncommonly good sense. spirituality was so aided and tempered with a knowledge of human nature and a sense of humor that she captivated the visitor. After a tour of inspection of vines, fruit trees and growing crops the abbess drove him to the blacksmith shop. The smithy was that laughs now. We pick from 15 to a long, narrow building, with a strong would rather grow a fruit tree of with slated sides, through which the were a well-built brick forge, a strong, capacious bellows of ox hide and all the customary paraphernalia incidental to the vocation of votaries of Vulcan.

Tethered to a strong oaken rack in the center of the shop was a draught fine native chestnuts from one tree last | horse, whose big bones and shaggy fetlocks proclaimed the Flemish animal. With nail box beside her, a nun bent over the nigh hind foot, with a foot resting in her lap, and with a pair of tongs was fitting a red-hot shoe to the scorehing hoof. With the assistance of a sister, the nun nailed the shoe, and, patting the side of the horse, she proceeded to lift another hoof and repeat the performance with a second

Once or twice the nun drove a nail in direction that did not satisfy her. Such she withdrew, but at last the shoe was firmly nailed, naile clinched and sharp corners all neatly rasped down and the big horse was shod as neatly and as well as the average blacksmith could have done it.

While the horseshoeing was in progress another nun was busy making hinges, hooks and staples, ringbolts and other articles of builders' hardware out of small rod and bar iron. She hammered away in rather an experimental fashion, and frequently exhibited her work to the nun who had shod the horse, seeking her advice upon knotty points of the smith's art. Another nun was repairing farm machinery, and seemed to be an adept at the work .- N. Y. Press.

The Sailor's Apology. Quite recently on board one of the Clyde steamers one of the crew had been very impertinent when asked by

The captain felt much annoyed, and told the sailor to go to the lady and

so much so that she went to the captain

apologize. Watching very carefully at the next stop, the sailor espied the young lady about to leave by the gangway, and, rushing up, he said:

"Please, mum, are you the young lady told to go to the deuce?"

"Yes; you were very rude." "Well, you need not go," continued the sailor .- N. Y. Herald.

She Let Him Know. He knelt before her, both handa

issped together, in an attitude of en-

"Let me know my fate," he said. She made no answer.

Again he asked her that he might know his fate, and still she hesitated, her dark eyes filled with tears.

"I do not wish to wound you," she said, "but-" "Do not evade me thus!" he cried.

"Then," said she, "if you must have an answer, know that-" He was listening eagerly.

"-You will be run out of Ohio for horse stealing and be hanged out west for the same offense." It took the whole tribe of gypsies to convince him that the ancient Sybil's

services in his behalf in thus forecast-

ing the future were worth one dollar .-Up to Date.

Beautiful Malachite. One of the most beautiful minerals as well as rich ores of copper is the green carbonate, malachite. As a fine marble for carving the Russian malachite is highly prized. It is very compact, and prettily banded in different shades of green. The malachite from Arizona is equally beautiful as specimens, although not often occurring solid enough for use as a marble. The specimens of velvet malachite consisting of surfaces of capillary crystals in tufts and radiations are especially handsome. Azurite, sometimes called blue malachite, is but slightly different in chemical composition. The color is deep azure blue to blue black. At the Arizona localities the two minerals generally occur associated .- St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Unexpected. A teacher was taking a class in the infant Sunday school room and was making her scholars finish each sentence to show that they understood her. "The idol had eyes," the teacher said, "but it couldn't-

"See," cried the children. "It had ears, but it couldn't-"

"Hear," was the answer. "It had lips," she said, "but i eouldn't--"

"Speak," once more replied the chil "It had a nose, but it couldn't-

"Wipe it," shouted the children. And the lesson had to stop a moment.-Tit-Bits.

Fancles and Fashions. Lettice cloth is a new material for draperies.

Scotch tweeds are always in demand for walking costumes. The amethyst and the topaz are the

two most popular gems of the sea The sable boa is as fashionable as

ever this winter, but it must have 14 tails to be thoroughly au fait. Grannic muffs have quite superseded the fanciful little affairs only large enough to tuck three fingers into.-Chi-

cago Record. Hopeful.

The dry goods merchant was explaining the situation to the new drummer he had just employed.

"Your predecessor," he said, "has gotten his business all tangled up, and

"Boo, hoo!" sobbed the Eskimo's bride, "you're a horrid brute to leave me aione till the mdidle of April and then come home in such a condition as this I am going right to my mamma."

Environment may profoundly affect, but it does not necessarily obliterate conventional custom.-Detroit Tribune.

is he. Mr. Skemer?

Victim of Slang. Mr. Skemer-Mrs. Sapmind, I am going to bring a visitor around this evening to introduce to your daughter. I think he will be a good catch for her. Mrs. Sapmind-What sort of a person

"He is a wealthy planter." "I don't care how wealthy he is, I'll never let my daughter marry an undertaker."-Boston Courier.

It Just Balanced.

Stuckins-I don't see how Bumble managed to get out of that case with his known bad character.

One of the Witnesses-Well, you see some eulogized fer him, an' some eulogized again him, an' between them all the jedge struck a balance.-N. Y Journal.

When Priests Were Doctors. In ancient Egypt the art and practice of medicine and surgery were confined to the priesthood. Each priest adopted a specialty. Evidences of ancient dentistry revealed in the opening of tombs indicate that a high proficiency had been gained in at least one branch of dental art .- Detroit Free Press.

A Bird.

"Papa, did you ever fly or sit up in a tree and sing?"

"Certainly not. You must have been dreaming, my boy."

"No, I haven't, but I heard Mr. Shipley tell Mrs. Shipley that you were a bird when you got cut."-London Figaro.

Fable of the Small Bird.

Once upon a time there was a bantam Poerier with an Lumense opinion of him-self, and as he stood in the barnyard he

said:
"I will make a stir in the world. I will attract attention."

Wherefore he began to crow lustily, although he had nothing much to crow

Now it happened that far above the bantam a hawk was wheeling in the circum-ambient air. The hawk had not seen the ambient air. The nawk had not seen the bantam, owing to the latter's diminutive proportions, but when the bantam crowed the hawk heard and in about 43 seconds had his claws full and was contentedly

had his claws full and was contentedly winging his flight homeward, while all was still below.

Moral: It is not a profitable thing to try to make a noise in the world without a reasonable excuse.—Chicago Times-Herald.

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Stamped the School Visitor. A visitor at a Columbia, Mo., school the other day asked one of the lower grade eass this question: "What is the axis of other day asked one of the lower grade class this question: "What is the axis of the earth?" "An imaginary line passing from one pole to the other, on which the earth revolves," proudly answered a pupil. "Yes," said the examiner, well pleased, "and could you hang a bonnet on it?" "Yes, sir." "Indeed! And what kind of a bonnet?" "An imaginary bonnet, sir." The visitor asked no more questions.—Chicago Chronicle.

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